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## CAUSE OF PRESENT DISORDERS IN EGYPT

Paris, May 5.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) A statement concerning the present disorders in Egypt, explaining the situation from the viewpoint of the agitators, has been given to The Associated Press by Mohamed Mahmoud Pasha, a member of an Egyptian delegation of twenty which is here to ask the peace conference to recognize the independence of Egypt. Mohamed Mahmoud Pasha was at one time governor of the Suez canal and later governor of the province of Behera. He with three other leaders of his party were deported recently to Malta but were released after a month and came on to Paris. His statement follows:

"The political status of Egypt underwent a great change, owing to the war. International relations between Egypt and other countries must be rearranged, and the British protectorate which was proclaimed at the beginning of the war, and which has never been accepted by the Egyptian people, was a war measure and cannot stand after the termination of the war."

All these questions which emanated from the war can be settled by the peace conference only, and a proper settlement necessitates the hearing of Egypt's voice therein. For these reasons the Egyptian delegation was empowered by means of mandates from all classes of the Egyptian people to come to Paris, plead the cause of their country before the peace conference, and request therefrom the recognition of the independence of Egypt."

"But the delegation was prevented by the British authorities from leaving for Europe, and the Egyptian ministry which was in complete solidarity with the people, resigned early in March last. No Egyptian was found to form a ministry, and for this bankruptcy of British administration in Egypt, the delegation was held responsible."

"The chairman, Saad Zagloul Pasha, former minister of education and later of justice, and president of the Egyptian legislative assembly; Ismail Sidkey Pasha, former minister of religious endowments; Hamed El Bassi Pasha, one of the leading Bedouin chiefs and a member of the legislative assembly; and myself were arrested on March 8 and deported to Malta without any charge or inquiry."

"The Egyptian people almost to a man demanded our immediate release and the immediate departure of the delegation for Europe. Their indignation reached a very high pitch when they saw in this violation of individual liberty an attempt to deprive Egypt from enjoying the liberal principles of President Wilson, and they also saw that all the enormous sacrifices which the British Isles, are making in the language of General Allenby, were to a very large extent responsible for the decisive victory over the Turks were in vain."

"Representative Egyptians from Alexandria to Assuan lodged a stern protest against such a treatment. Young men and the students made peaceful demonstrations, but the British troops opened fire at them. Yet the demonstration continued and the fire of machine guns and rifles continued also. Very large number were killed in Cairo and the provincial cities."

"This revolution is a national movement against foreign domination, which is abhorred by the entire Egyptian population. Mohammedans and the Christians are in absolute accord. The Egyptian movement is neither religious nor anti-foreign, nor instigated by Germany or Turkey. It is a deep rooted desire on the part of all the inhabitants of the Valley of the Nile for the attainment of the independence of their country."

U. S. A. OFFICERS ATTEND LECTURES IN BRITISH ISLES  
London, May 5.—Two thousand young American military officers, who have been detached from their commands in order that they may attend lectures in the leading universities of the British Isles, are broadening their knowledge by seeing some of the countless points of interest with which the country is abound.

London is their favorite "hunting" ground. Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, the houses of parliament, the tower of Buckingham Palace early claimed their attention. They then turned to the haunts of Dickens, Johnson and others whom they looked upon as old friends.

Now that spring has come they are extending their search to the London suburbs and to other parts of the country.

Yesterday numbers of the student officers sought such places as Hampton Court and Kew Gardens, famous for their varied and beautiful foliage. Many of them are engineers, and with a thrifty thought for the future slung their cameras over their shoulders and prepared to preserve for future reference such bits of landscape gardening as caught their individual fancies. But in this they were disappointed for the ancient but polite guardian at the Kew gate temporarily collected the cameras and told them Sunday photography was forbidden in Kew.

Journeys into Scotland and Ireland interest many of the men and they return to London as a rule, pleased with the people and with their treatment. The start is usually made from the busy Euston station Saturday afternoon, and Tuesday night usually finds them back in the city ready for work.

A dozen or more of them went a recent Sunday at Killarney and, desiring to go through the Gap of Dun Low, arranged with their landlord for donkeys at \$1.25 each for the journey of six Irish miles.

When they reached the Gap they were hailed with delight by the donkey boys who, seeing they were Americans and believing Americans carried nothing but gold pieces in their pockets, put up the price of donkeys to \$5. The officers, after a vain parley, walked through the Gap.

Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds and Liverpool, with their great manufacturing and shipping interests, also claim attention, particularly from officers who are studying industrial and commercial questions, while the fishing industry of North Sea ports is attracting others. In this last, however, they admit the trips are much more for pleasure than they are for profit.

The lectures will continue through June, and by that time, some of the more industrious travelers predict, they will know a good deal about Great Britain and what they explain, is why they were sent here.

LATE COUNTESS DE PARIS SMOKED CIGARS  
Paris, May 22.—(Correspondence of The A. P.) "I once saw the Countess de Paris," writes a woman in an evening paper, a day or so after the recent death of the countess. "I was a little girl but I have never forgotten it. It was at the station, St. Germain-des-Fosses."

"Look at that lady," my father said. "She might have been queen of France."

"I looked and saw a lady wearing a widow's long veil and smoking an enormous cigar. On each side of her was a beautiful young girl, the Princess Isabel and Princess Louise of France, her daughters. The Countess strode along the platform, her long

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This little story explains why even the courteous and courtly Figaro in chronicling the death of the countess referred to her manners as "rude" and "vile."

SHELL USED TO TRANSMIT MESSAGES DURING WAR

New York, June 5.—A hollow three-inch shell, used to emit on striking a gas of smoke-like density by day, and luminous at night, and used to transmit messages from division headquarters, to advanced or exposed positions, is another war-time secret which has now been made public.

This form of communication was first used by the Germans, and afterward adopted by the allies. A sample of the shell—one that was captured from the enemy during the St. Mihiel drive—was brought home by Vice Admiral Albert Gleaves on his return from France.

According to Admiral Gleaves, the shell has a range of about 2,000 yards, and is self-propelling. Its velocity was such as to require 14 seconds to travel that distance, "slow enough," the admiral said, to enable an active man to dodge it, should he see or hear it coming. When it struck, it could be readily located by its smoke cloud by day, or its light by night, picked up, a cap unscrewed and the message inside delivered to the officer for whom it was intended.

AUSTRIAN CABINET IS UNDECIDED ON TERMS

Vienna, Tuesday, June 3.—(By the A. P.)—Dr. Otto Bauer, the Austrian foreign minister, left here tonight for Fieldkirch, where he will meet Dr. Renner, the head of the Austrian peace delegation, who is coming from Paris. President Seitz also has left the capital, but it is said he is going to the country for a rest.

The cabinet is undecided whether to accept or reject the peace terms so far as they have been received. President Seitz, Dr. Bauer and other members of the cabinet, however, individually are joining the newspaper chorus which declares that the terms are not acceptable. There are introductions, on the other hand, that this attitude has been adopted for public purposes only.

LAUNDRY WORKERS' STRIKE IN PARIS IS SPREADING

Paris, June 5.—There was a further increase in the number of strikers in the Paris district today when the laundry workers' union declared a strike in Paris and the suburbs. Transit facilities, however, were improved over yesterday and a greater number of subway trains were running. The subway stations are still guarded by soldiers.

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